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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS NINETEENTH SESSION

Draft report

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Chapter ___. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Transnational Corporations held its nineteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 15 April 1993. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, Mr. Albert Muchanga (Zambia).

3. The Director of the Transnational Corporations and Management Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development made an opening statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States members of the Commission attended the session: Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

5. The following expert advisers attended the session: Antonio Colombo (Italy), Peter Hansen (Denmark), Ivan Ivanov (Russian Federation), Samuel Esson Kwesi Jonah (Ghana), Gösta Karlsson (Sweden), Sanjaya Lall (India), Jacques Leflon (France), Lim Kee-Ming (Singapore), Sylvia Ostry (Canada), Rudolf A. Oswald (United States of America), Edward J. Saperstein (United States of America) and Osvaldo Sunkel (Chile).

6. The following experts attended the session: Michael Hershman, Henry Parker, Ibrahim Shihata and Paolo Scolari.

7. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Australia, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mali, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Turkey and Venezuela.

8. The following regional commissions were represented: Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

9. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank.

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

11. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, were represented by observers: International Chamber of Commerce and International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

C. Election of officers

12. At the 1st meeting, on 5 April 1993, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)

Vice-Chairman: Ioan Barac (Romania)

Rapporteur: Rosa Carmina Recinos-Hernández (Guatemala)

13. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to postpone the election of the remaining two Vice-Chairmen to a later meeting.

14. At the 8th and 10th meetings, on 12 and 14 April, the Commission elected Faizullah Khilji (Pakistan) and Lisette van Horebeek (Belgium) Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

D. Agenda

15. At the 1st meeting, on 5 April, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.10/1993/1 (see annex I).